

HJ27 Testimony
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I am Joyce Silverthorne, P-20 Policy Advisory to Superintendent Denise Juneau, and I rise in support to House Joint 27.

Short Title: Urge learning and use of first nations names in their own language

Through the efforts of Indian Education for All, teachers are becoming more cognizant of the complexity of naming within the tribal communities. This bill brings the state to its constitutional responsibility to implement Article X, Sec. 1 (2):

"The state recognizes the distinct and unique cultural heritage of the American Indian and is committed in its educational goals to the preservation of their cultural integrity."

The OPI supports HJR27.